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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (previously amended): An X-ray apparatus as claimed in claim 7, further comprising means (6) for positioning the driving handle (1, 2) automatically in a centre position when the grip on the driving handle is released.

Claim 3 (previously amended): An X-ray apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the height of the driving handle (1, 2) is adjustable.

Claim 4 (previously amended): An X-ray apparatus as claimed in claim 7, further comprising release means (7-9) operable by movement of said driving handle to release the motor means from a driving coupling with the driving wheels (17), allowing the wheels (17) to rotate freely and thus allow manual movement of the carriage.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously amended): An X-ray apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the height of the driving handle (1,2) is adjustable.

Claim 7 (previously added): A mobile X-ray apparatus comprising:

a carriage having at least one pair of independently driven driving wheels; motor means (12) for driving the driving wheels;

a driving handle comprising a pair of spaced side bars (2) rotatably coupled to the carriage along an axis of rotation (3) and a cross bar movable with said side bars (1), said cross bar being coupled to and extending between the side bars in an articulated

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manner to allow turning movement of the respective side bars to different extents and in different directions about the axis; and

means that move with each turning movement of each respective side bar (2), the movement of said means being measured by a measuring means (10) which convert the measured movement into electric signals; and

control means receiving the electric signals for controlling the motor means responsive to the electrical signals to steer the carriage in a desired direction.

Claims 8-10 (canceled)